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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language ,
which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-11 received on 18.02.2005 with letter of 14.02.2005

Drawings, Sheets

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3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 4,10
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing *(specify)*:
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing *(specify)*:

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 1-3,5-9,11 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | 1-3,5-9,11 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-3,5-9,11 |
| | No: Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1: US 2003/0063893 A1 (Read) 2003-04-03

2. Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a method for time-shifting a presentation of multimedia content using a recorder comprising (the steps of):

receiving a first stream of multimedia content on a first channel (paragraph 46);

storing the first stream of multimedia content to a data store associated with the recorder (paragraphs 46-47);

receiving a channel change request (paragraph 46);

receiving a second stream of multimedia content on a second channel correlating to the channel change request (paragraph 46); and

storing the second stream of multimedia content to the data store while retaining the first stream of multimedia content in the data store (paragraphs 46-47 and 53-54).

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from that known from D1 in that it further comprises the steps of:

receiving a rewind trick mode request;

presenting the second stream of multimedia content in reverse; and

presenting the first stream of multimedia content in reverse after reaching a beginning of the second stream of multimedia content.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

3. The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as one of how to provide a rewind trick mode across the two stored data streams. The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) as it is neither disclosed nor fairly suggested in the available prior art as represented by the documents cited in the Search Report.

4. Claims 2, 3 and 5 (claim 4 having been cancelled) are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

5. Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 6, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

a recorder comprising:

an input port for receiving a first stream of multimedia content on a first channel (paragraphs 30-32);

a data store for storing the first stream of multimedia content (paragraph 33);

a user interface for receiving a channel change request (paragraph 30);

a processor for changing a channel to receive through the input port a second stream of multimedia content on a second channel correlating to the channel change request (paragraphs 30-32) and storing the second stream of multimedia

content to the data store while retaining the first stream of multimedia content in the data store (paragraph 33).

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from that known from D1 in that it further comprises:

a video decoder that presents the second stream of multimedia content in reverse, then presents the first stream of multimedia content in reverse after reaching a beginning of the second stream of multimedia content.

The subject-matter of claim 6 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

6. The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as one of how to provide a rewind trick mode across the two stored data streams. The solution to this problem proposed in claim 6 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) as it is neither disclosed nor fairly suggested in the available prior art as represented by the documents cited in the Search Report.
7. Claims 7, 8, 9 and 11 (claim 10 having been cancelled) are dependent on claim 6 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

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Claims

1. A method for time-shifting a presentation of multimedia content using a recorder comprising:
 - receiving a first stream of multimedia content on a first channel;
 - 5 storing the first stream of multimedia content to a data store associated with the recorder;
 - receiving a channel change request;
 - receiving a second stream of multimedia content on a second channel correlating to the channel change request;
 - storing the second stream of multimedia content to the data store while retaining the first
 - 10 stream of multimedia content in the data store;
 - receiving a rewind trick mode request;
 - presenting the second stream of multimedia content in reverse; and
 - presenting the first stream of multimedia content in reverse after reaching a beginning of the second stream of multimedia content.
- 15 2. The method according to claim 1 further comprising assigning at least one identifier to each of the first and second streams of multimedia content to identify a sequence in which the first and second streams of multimedia content are recorded.
3. The method according to claim 1 further comprising assigning at least one identifier to each of the first and second streams of multimedia content to identify a channel from which the
- 20 first and second streams of multimedia content are recorded.
4. Canceled.
5. The method according to claim 1 further comprising:
 - receiving a play request;
 - presenting the first stream of multimedia content; and
 - 25 presenting the second stream of multimedia content after reaching an end of the first stream of multimedia content.

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6. A recorder comprising:
an input port for receiving a first stream of multimedia content on a first channel;
a data store for storing the first stream of multimedia content;
a user interface for receiving a channel change request;
5 a processor for changing a channel to receive through the input port a second stream
of multimedia content on a second channel correlating to the channel change request and
storing the second stream of multimedia content to the data store while retaining the first
stream of multimedia content in the data store; and
a video decoder that presents the second stream of multimedia content in reverse, then
10 presents the first stream of multimedia content in reverse after reaching a beginning of the
second stream of multimedia content.
7. The recorder of claim 6 wherein the processor further assigns at least one identifier to
each of the first and second streams of multimedia content to identify a sequence in which the
first and second streams of multimedia content are recorded.
- 15 8. The recorder of claim 6 wherein the processor further assigns at least one identifier to
each of the first and second streams of multimedia content to identify a channel from which
the first and second streams of multimedia content are recorded.
9. The recorder of claim 6, said user interface further comprising a user input device through
which a user can choose a user selectable function to perform a desired recorder operation.
- 20 10. Canceled.
11. The recorder of claim 6 further comprising a video decoder that presents the first stream
of multimedia content, then presents the second stream of multimedia content after reaching
an end of the first stream of multimedia content.

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